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BEGIN SUMMARY: RIGHT WING OPPONENTS OF NPT WITHIN LIBERAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS
ABOUT TREATY AT MEETING OF LDP FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH
COUNCIL FEBRUARY 8. NO NEW ARGUMENTS AIRED, BUT
DOUBT ABOUT TREATY FOCUSSED ON PROBLEMS IT POSES
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FOR SECURITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS. SINCE MEETING GOJ

HAS INFORMED US AT VARIOUS LEVELS FROM DEP PRIM
MIN FUKUDA ON DOWN THAT NPT STANDS NO CHANCE OF RATIFI-
CATION THIS SESSION. FOREIGN OFFICE REMAINS DEDICATED
TO SUBMITTING TREATY TO DIET FOR RATIFICATION SHOULD
SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT WITH IAEA RESULT FROM NEGOTIATIONS
IN VIENNA. WHILE PRIMIN MIKI HAS SAID THE SAME IN
PUBLIC, OTHER TOP OFFICIALS TALKING IN PRIVATE DO NOT
EVEN SOUND SURE ABOUT THIS. WE BELIEVE GOVERNMENT TOO
WEAK TO BUCK OPPOSITION IN LDP ON TREATY, ESPECIALLY
SINCE MIKI NEEDS RIGHTWING COOPERATION FOR ITEMS LIKE
PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH CHINA WHICH HAVE GREATER
DOMESTIC POLITICAL APPEAL IN THIS ELECTION YEAR.
RECOMMEND STRONG STATEMENT OF US INTEREST IN RATIFICATION
BE MADE WHEN AMBASSADOR MEETS FONMIN MIYAZAWA WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 12. END SUMMARY.

2. RIGHT WING OPPONENTS OF NPT WITHIN LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC
PARTY EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT NPT AT MEETING
OF LDP FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 8. THE
OPPOSITION, LED BY FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF, JAPAN AIR
SELF DEFENSE FORCE, MINORU GENDA, DWELT AT GREATEST
LENGTH ON THE PROBLEMS THE NPT POSES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.
IT WOULD BE WRONG, OPPOSITION MAINTAINED, FOR JAPAN
TO FORECLOSE THE NUCLEAR OPTION. NO ONE ARGUED, HOWEVER,
IN FAVOR OF JAPAN ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS NOW OR IN
FUTURE. AFTER MEETING NAOKICHI KITAZAWA, CHAIRMAN OF
THE FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH COUNCIL, TOLD NEWSPAPERMEN,
"THE TREATY CANNOT BE RATIFIED UNDER THE PRESENT SITUA-
TION. IT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF
THE DIET DURING THE CURRENT SESSION."

3. SINCE MEETING GOJ HAS CONVEYED SAME MESSAGE TO
EMBASSY AT VARIOUS LEVELS. DURING AMBASSADOR'S MEETING
WITH FUKUDA FSXRUARY 10, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED
HIS DOUBT THAT TREATY COULBP BE PASSED THIS SESSION. AT
LUNCH SAME DAY DEPIITY VICE FONMIN OKELARA TOLD DCM THAT
STRONG EFFORTS WOULD BE NEEDED TO PERSUADE LDP TO
APPROVE TREATY, NO MATTER HOW SATISFACTORY THE OUTCOME
OF IAEA NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA. OKAWARA DID NOT BELIEVE
THE MIKI GOVERNMENT HAD STRENGTH REQUIRED.
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4. LATER IN DAY, FONOFF DISARMAMENT DIVDIR NONOYAMA,
WHO HAD ATTENDED FEB 8 LDP MEETING, TOLD EMBOFF THAT
RATIFICATION FACED "HIGH HURDLES." HIS OFFICE, HE
CONTINUED, WAS ONLY ONE URGING GOVERNEMT TO TAKE THE
JUMPS. AS FAR AS NONOYAMA AWARE, FONOFF REMAINED
DEDICATED TO SUBMITTING NPT TO DIET THIS SESSION IF
IAEA NEGOTIATIONS SUCCESSFUL. INTENT TO DO THIS HAD

BEEN EXPRESSED BY PRIME MINISTER FEB 8, AND
STILL HELD GOOD.

5. OTHER OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, SOUND LESS AND LESS SURE
EVEN ON THIS POINT. DEP PRIM MIN FUKUDA IMPLIED TO
AMBASSADOR THAT SUBMISSION OF TREATY STILL BEING CON-
SIDERED. FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA, REPLYING TO AN
OPPOSITION QUESTION IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOREIGN
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FEB 10, SAID THAT IT WILL TAKE AT
LEAST A MONTH AND A HALF TO STUDY ALL THE PROVISIONS
OF THE AGREEMENT WITH IAEA.

6. COMMENT: OPPOSITION TO NPT WHICH HAD BEEN QUIESCENT
BEFORE DIET OPENED APPARENTLY CRYSTALLIZED BY RESOLUTE
MIKI STATEMENT ON JAN 24 (TOKYO 1200) AND APPROACHING
AGREEMENT WITH IAEA. AT SAME TIME PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP
TREATY (PFT) WITH PRC HAS RUN INTO HEAVY WEATHER IN DIET.
CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT IS ANOTHER CONTROVERSIAL
ITEM THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE ACTION ON THIS SESSION,
IF FEASIBLE. HAVING TESTED WIND, MIKI ADMINISTRATION
APPEARS TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT CANNOT BUCK OPPOSITION
ON ALL COUNTS, BUT MUST GIVE ON SOME ISSUES TO GARNER
SUPPORT ON OTHERS. WE SUSPECT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS
PLACED HIGHEST PRIORITY ON PASSAGE OF PFT WITH PEKING,
THE ITEM WITH GREATEST DOMESTIC APPEAL THIS
ELECTION YEAR.

7. ACTION RECOMMENDATION: AMBASSADOR HAS APPOINTMENT
FEB 12 WITH FONMIN MIYAZAWA TO DISCUSS JFAP. RECOMMEND
THAT STRONG INTEREST OF USG IN NPT RATIFICATION BE
EXPRESSED AT THAT MEETING, ALONG WITH COMMENDATION ON
OUTCOME OF IAEA NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA (REFS A AND B).
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